Demand for creation of new States

1708. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposal for the creation of new States in the country;

(b) if so, which are the regions from which the demands have come;

(c) whether any of these demands are under consideration;

(d) if so, which are the demands under consideration;

(e) whether Government has made any study in regard to the performance of the State carved out after 1970; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Demand and representations have, however, been received from time to time, from various sources, and in respect of various regions for creation of new States. These include the Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha region in Maharashtra, Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Bhojpuri-speaking areas of East Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar, Saurasthra in Gujarat, Coorg in Karnataka, Koshalanchal region in Western Orissa, Darjeeling Hills, Terai and Dooars in West Bengal, Maithili-speaking areas of North Bihar, six districts of North Bengal, and various regions of Uttar Pradesh for creation of new States like Purvanchal, Harith Pradesh, Braj Pradesh and Awadh Pradesh.

(e) No, formal study has been made.

(f) Does not arise.

Including some aspects of "Law and Order" in Union or Concurrent list

1709. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any constitution amendment to incorporate any aspect of "law and order" under Union or Concurrent List of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if there is no such proposal, whether it is also a fact that suggestions to this effect are coming before Government so that Government does not become a silent spectator in grave situations where human rights and their violations are concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.